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**DAVIS LAUDS GOVERNORS ISLAND LAND TRANSFER**

**Washington, D.C.** – House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA-11) today praised the return of Governors Island to the city and state of New York for educational use. Davis, who has monitored the transfer issue since Congress mandated it under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, released the following statement today:

"This historic transfer is a win for American taxpayers and the State of New York. The details of the structure are right on the money: we've protected the island against casino development, protected its national treasures, and emphasized its potential for educational uses. I want to commend the General Services Administration for a job well done."

In 1783, British troops surrendered Governors Island to American forces. The US Army occupied the island until 1966, when the property was transferred to the Coast Guard. In 1995, as part of a streamlining plan, the Coast Guard announced it leave the island in two years. The island will be transferred to the Governors Island Preservation and Education Trust according to the General Services Administration (GSA), the federal agency charged with the disposition of surplus federal property.

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